

I have been an XM subscriber for over two years and I love it. I have always been a radio fan, but have become increasingly dissatisfied with traditional broadcasting since the FM glory days of the 1970s. XM provides incredible music choices 24/7 in crystal clear digital quality without 20 minutes of commercials per hour, static, fading, or signal loss beyond 50 miles from its transmitter. I love that I can take a road trip or any length and never lose the signal. Their programmers remind me of what terrestrial radio could be but never will be. My subscription allows XM to provide such varied services, because I pay for ALL of their listening choices; they do not have to compete with each other for ratings.

I also greatly enjoy their other services of news, sports and comedy---AND I ENJOY THEIR TRAFFIC AND WEATHER CHANNELS. The information is accurate, frequently updated and available 24/7. I have family in other cities, and enjoy listening in on what's happening there. I also find it useful to hear traffic and weather conditions in other cities I am traveling to as I approach them. This is one more instance where the NAB is WRONG, WRONG, WRONG. If it was up to the NAB, XM wouldn't be allowed to exist---but neither would pay-TV, cable TV, satellite TV, FM or anything that threatens local broadcasters' outdated, over-commercialized lowest-common-denominator papfest monopolies.

It's no wonder the major TV networks have long ago abandoned the NAB. XM is ONE of the waves of the future, and its creative use of its bandwidth has brought excitement back to radio broadcasting at a national level! I used to listen to CDs-rarely local radio-but the CD player is ignored now, as XM provides all of my favorite listening environments---INCLUDING local and national traffic and weather reports.